

OTHER OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOKS

Reality check: Is the American Gas Foundation's accelerated scenario too optimistic? Not especially when compared with some other recent projections. While the other forecasts may use different parameters to arrive at their conclusions and look only as far as 2015, they all reach basically the same conclusion: Gas use will rise substantially in the early years of the new century.

In contrast with GRI's and the National Petroleum Council's recent studies, the

American Gas Foundation's study is a bit more optimistic, predicting a slightly higher potential for demand. It also projects market growth differently—attributing potential higher demand coming more from end-use applications in the residential and commercial sectors rather than from electricity generation. The foundation is also more optimistic that technology in the natural gas industry—from exploration and production through transmission, distribution and end use—will continue to advance at a pace similar to that in the 1990s.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:09 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 9, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.